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REMARKS

Claims 1-27 were allowed in the Notice of Allowance mailed on December 13, 2006. The Applicants thank the Examiner for positive consideration of the claims.

During the course of prosecution, the Office may have set forth various reasons for the allowance of claims 1-27. The Applicants neither agree nor disagree with the reasons given at this time, and hereby expressly reserve the right to support or traverse those reasons should the need arise, and/or argue different reasons for the allowability of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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